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TAGS: CASC (DE SAYONS, ALFONSO)

SUBJECT: KIDNAPPING OF US CITIZEN

REF: FLORENCE 0224

1. REPORTED KIDNAPPING DE SAYONS CONTINUES OCCUPY LOCAL PRESS AND POLICE. POLICE NOW BELIEVE STORY OF TWO SERVANTS THAT FOUR MASKED MEN ENTERED HOME AND KIDNAPPED DESAYONS IS FALSE. DISCREPANCIES IN THEIR TESTIMONY AND OTHER QUOTE EVIDENCE UNQUOTE LEAD POLICE BELIEVE SERVANTS IMPLICATED IN KIDNAPPING AND THAT IT IS POSSIBLE DE SAYONS WAS MURDERED AT HIS HOME AND BODY DRIVEN AWAY FOR DISPOSAL. SINCE CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT CASH, VALUABLE ANTIQUE PAINTINGS AND OTHER ART OBJECTS OF SILVER ANDGOLD LEFT UNDISTURBED, CONSIDERABLR SUSPICION THAT MOTIVE WAS NIT EEEEE NOT FINANCIAL BUT PERSONAL. SINCE DE SAYONS APPARENTLY HAS UNSAVORY PAST, THERE IS CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION THAT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN MURDERED BY MAFIA OR QUOTE OUTSIDERS UNQUOTE FOR UNKNOWN REASONS. THERE IS ALSO SOME SUSPICION THAT DE SAYONS QUOTE WISHED DISAPPEAR FROM THIS WORLD UNQUOTE LIKE BRITISH MP

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STONEHOUSE FOR REASONS OF HIS OWN. IN ANY CASE, CONSIDERABLE

MYSTERY STILL SHROUDS CASE SINCE SERVANTS HAVE CONFESSED TO NOTHING AND BODY HAS YET TO BE FOUND. HIS AUTOMOBILE, A FORD PINTO, WAS FOUND JULY 7 NEAR LIVORNO APPROXIMATELY 80 MILES FROM SCENE OF CRIME.

2. NEIGHBORS OF DE SAYONS STATE HE KNOWN IN AREA AS QUOTE THE FRENCHMAN UNQUOTE AND THAT ALL WERE SURPRISED TO FIND HE HAD AMERICAN CITIZENSHIP. POLICE ALSO STATE THAT DE SAYONS CARRIED VALID ARGENTINE PASSPORT, NUMBER 279640 ISSUED IN BUENOS AIRES MAY 25, 1965.

3. LICENSE NUMBER DE SAYONS CAR IS NEW JERSEY, YSF-253.

4. EMBASSY ROME RECORDS (1967) ON DE SAYONS INDICATE THAT INDIVIDUAL TO BE NOTIFIED IN CASE OF EMERGENCY IS: EDWARD BREGER (OR BERGER), 51 WEST 57TH STREET, NEW YORK, N.Y.

5. SO FAR HAVE BEEN UNABLE CONTACT ATTORNEY BANDINO PICCOLOMINI BANDINI.

6. POLICE INTERESTED IN CONTACTING MEMBER OF FAMILY. PLEASE ADVISE IF SUCH CONTACT HAS BEEN MADE AND FURNISH NAME AND ADDRESS OF ANY MEMBERS OF FAMILY AVAILABLE ROM DEPARTMENT RECORDS.
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